

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 14-08-05**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 4, 2014

Commission Meeting: August 5, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of July 28, 2014

2. Out-of-state staff travel (Justin)

Request approval for Laura Farkas and Aleisha Solem to travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend The Basics, practical regulatory training from October 12-17, 2014. Probable Motion: Move to approve the travel request.

3. Iron Eagle Transportation LLC T-14.15.OTSC (Brenda)

On June 17, 2014 an Order to Show Cause was issued to Iron Eagle Transportation LLC, Kalispell, Montana, PSC No. 9472, for failure to file a 2013 Annual Report. The Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail and was returned as unclaimed. Attempts to contact the company have failed. Probable Motion: Cancel PSC No. 9472 for failure to file a 2013 Annual Report.

Class B – Passengers between all points and places in Flathead County, Montana. LIMITATION: Transportation in limousine service is prohibited.

4. BlackedOut 406 T-14.16.PCN (Nickie)

Ryan Perrin d/b/a BlackedOut 406, Great Falls, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity on June 20, 2014 and the application was noticed to the public on July 3, 2014. After publication the applicant restrictively amended his application and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the grant of authority to Ryan Perrin d/b/a BlackedOut 406 as amended.

Class B – Passengers, in non-rate regulated service, within the city limits of Great Falls, Montana and/or Black Eagle Montana, only. LIMITATION: All transportation movements will consist of 14 passengers or more.

5. Bitterroot Taxi T-14.18.ST (Brenda)

On June 27, 2014 David E. Newell and Bill Abbot, a Partnership d/b/a Bitterroot Taxi, Hamilton, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 9469 to Stephen B. Perdue d/b/a Bitterroot Taxi, Hamilton, Montana. The application for transfer was noticed to the public on July 3, 2014 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the transfer of PSC No. 9469 as applied for.

Class B – Passengers in taxi service within the City of Hamilton, Montana and a sixty (60) mile radius thereof. LIMITATIONS: 1) Transportation is restricted to service in vehicles with a seating capacity of eight (8) passengers or less. 2) Transportation must originate or terminate in Ravalli County. 3) Transportation by limousine is prohibited.

6. Nelson Studios LLC T-14.19.PCN TA (Nickie)

On July 22, 2014 the Commission approved the grant of temporary operating authority to Nelson Studios LLC d/b/a Alder Gulch Summit Tours under PSC No. 9490TA. The applicant is now requesting that the name be amended to remove the d/b/a and reflect Nelson Studios LLC, only. The applicant has been advised that all operations must be conducted in the name approved by the Commission, only. Probable Motion: Approve the request to remove the 'd/b/a' under PSC No. 9490TA, and reflect the authorized name to be Nelson Studios LLC, only.

Class B – Passengers in rate regulated tour service within a fourteen (14) mile radius of Nevada City, Montana. LIMITATIONS: 1) Operations are authorized between May 20 and September 20 of each year. 2) Service is limited to a military surplus vehicle. 3) Tours totally contained within a two mile radius of Virginia City, Montana are prohibited.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. N2014.4.45 – PSC Initiated – 2014 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers – Discuss and act on Frontier's Motion for a Protective Order. (8/5/14)

2. N2014.7.64 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Request for waiver of the requirement in ARM 38.5.176 to file a marginal cost of service study – Discuss and act on request. (8/5/14)
3. D2014.4.39 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Natural Gas Conservation Tracking Adjustment (Rate 90) – Discuss and act on proposed rate of \$0.00 per Dekatherm (no change from current tariff). (8/5/14)
4. D2014.6.52 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval of Schedule QFLT-1 – Discuss and act on approving the rates approved in Interim Order 7355 ¶ 4 on a final basis. (8/5/14)
5. D2014.1.5 – NorthWestern Energy – QF-1 Tariff (Standard Avoided Cost Rates for QFs \leq 3MW) – Discuss and act on NorthWestern's Objections to Data Request from Hydrodynamics, Inc. and Montana Marginal Energy, Inc. (8/5/14)

Other Meetings

8/6/14 – 12:00-1:30 p.m. – NRRI-PURC teleseminar re: Leadership Issues (Commission Conference Room –no web audio feed)

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. CenturyTel d/b/a CenturyLink N2014.4.45 (Gary)

On June 23, 2014 CenturyTel filed a Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. N2014.4.45 - 2014 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. CenturyTel seeks to protect certain operational information related to the provisioning of telecommunications service included in Section 710 of the FCC Form 481. The information for which protection is sought is broadband upload and download speeds offered by CenturyTel in each of its Montana wire centers.

2. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink N2014.4.45 (Gary)

On June 23, 2014 Qwest filed a Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. N2014.4.45 - 2014 Annual Certification of Montana Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. Qwest seeks to protect certain operational information related to the provisioning of telecommunications service included in Section 710 of the FCC Form 481. The information for which protection is sought is broadband upload and download speeds offered by Qwest in each of its Montana wire centers.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Qwest) Multi State and Individual Case Basis Agreements

Any qualified person who signs a non-disclosure agreement pursuant to the term protective Order No. 6999 in Docket No. D2009.5.60 may review the following agreements at the Commission's offices, 1701 Prospect Ave. Helena, MT, 59620, or at Qwest's office, 441 North Park Avenue, Helena, Mt. 59601. If any interested party has reason to believe that Qwest's prices are below relevant

costs in the agreements, the interested party may file an objection with the Commission within 30 days of the date of this notice (please see Qwest Alternative Form of Regulation (AFOR) Docket No. D2008.1.3, Order No. 6889n, Joint Stipulation).

- 1.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Shodair Hospital have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Shodair Hospital.
- 2.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Locati Architects have signed a Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Locati Architects.
- 3.) Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink (Qwest) and Montana Association of Counties have signed an amendment to the Multi-State Agreement for Qwest to provide certain telecommunications services to Montana Association of Counties.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2014.7.58 – NorthWestern Energy - Monthly Electric Supply Cost Rate Adjustment for the Period August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

D2014.7.59 – NorthWestern Energy - Application for Monthly Natural Gas Cost Rate Adjustment for the Period August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

D2014.7.67 – Qwest Corporation - Application for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Petition for Waiver on IntraLATA Dialing Parity Plan

D2014.7.68 - CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and New Horizons Communications Corporation - Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement

D2014.7.69 - CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Montana Sky Networks, Inc. - Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement